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THERE'S
A NEW
KID IN
TOWN!



SCOURGE
THE EVIL HEDGEHOG

TODAY'S MY
BIRTHDAY!

DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK
SENT A PAIR
OF ASSASSINS
AS A PRESENT.
THE GUY'S ALL
CLASS.

NOW I'M
FACING
OFF AGAINST
SOME SUPER-
BADNIK.

OH, AND
SHADOW'S
HERE.

TODAY'S MY
BIRTHDAY.

I GOT A POWER-
BOOST OFF
THE MASTER
EMERALD.
A HECKUVA
GIFT.

NOW I'VE
BEEN TRANS-
FORMED
INTO A REAL
TOUGH GUY.

OH, AND
ROUGE
IS HERE.

BIRTHDAY BASH!

Part Two: BIRTHDAY

BOYS

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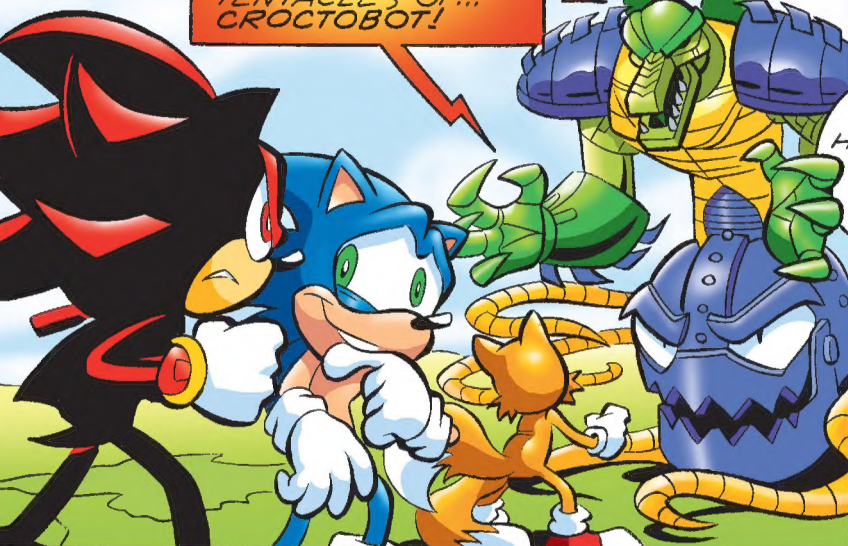
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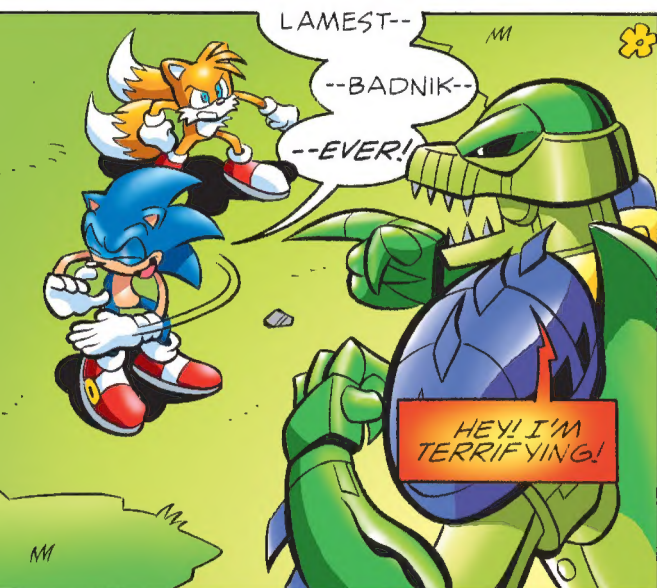
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--YOUR DOOM COMES
AT THE HANDS AND
TENTACLES OF...
CROCTOBOT!



BWA
HAHAHA!
NO! STOP!
TIME-
OUT!

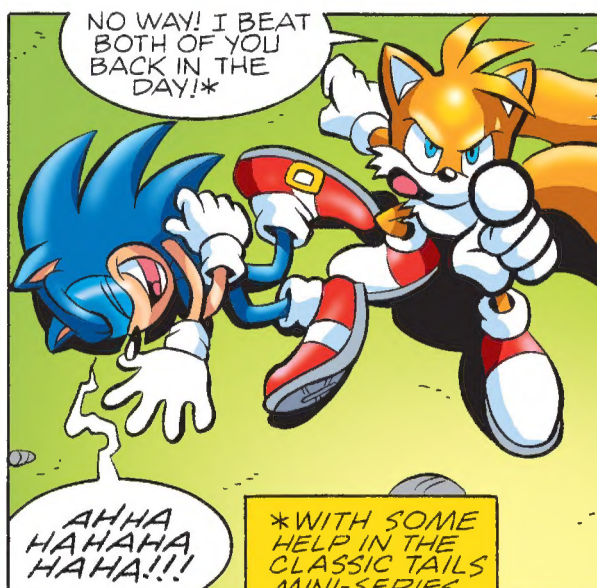


LAMEST--

--BADNIK--

--EVER!

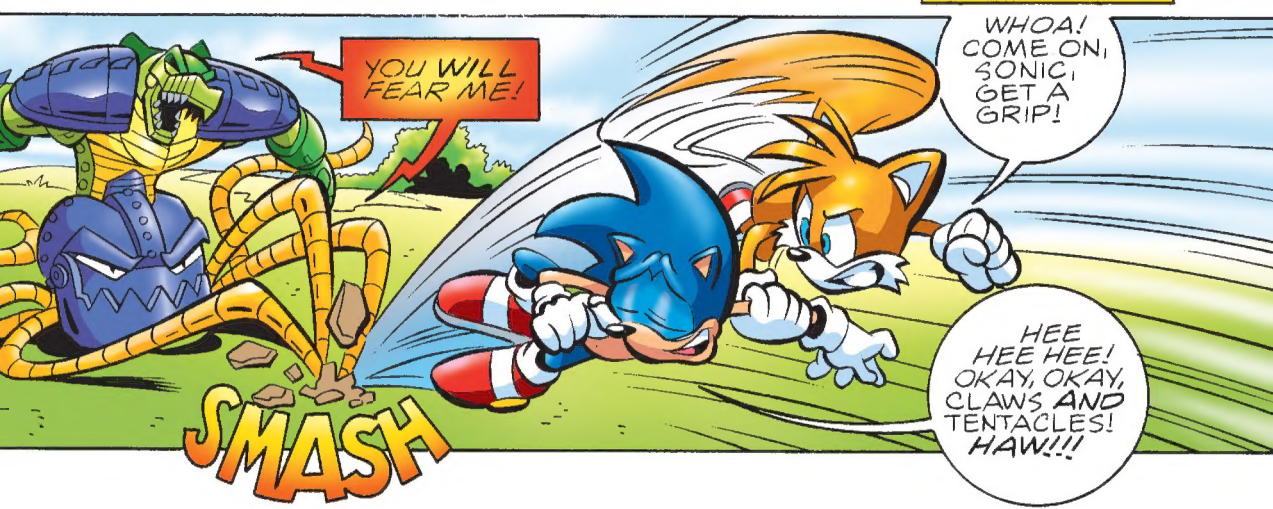
HEY! I'M
TERRIFYING!



NO WAY! I BEAT
BOTH OF YOU
BACK IN THE
DAY!*

AHHA
HAHAHA
HAHA!!!

*WITH SOME
HELP IN THE
CLASSIC TAILS
MINI-SERIES.

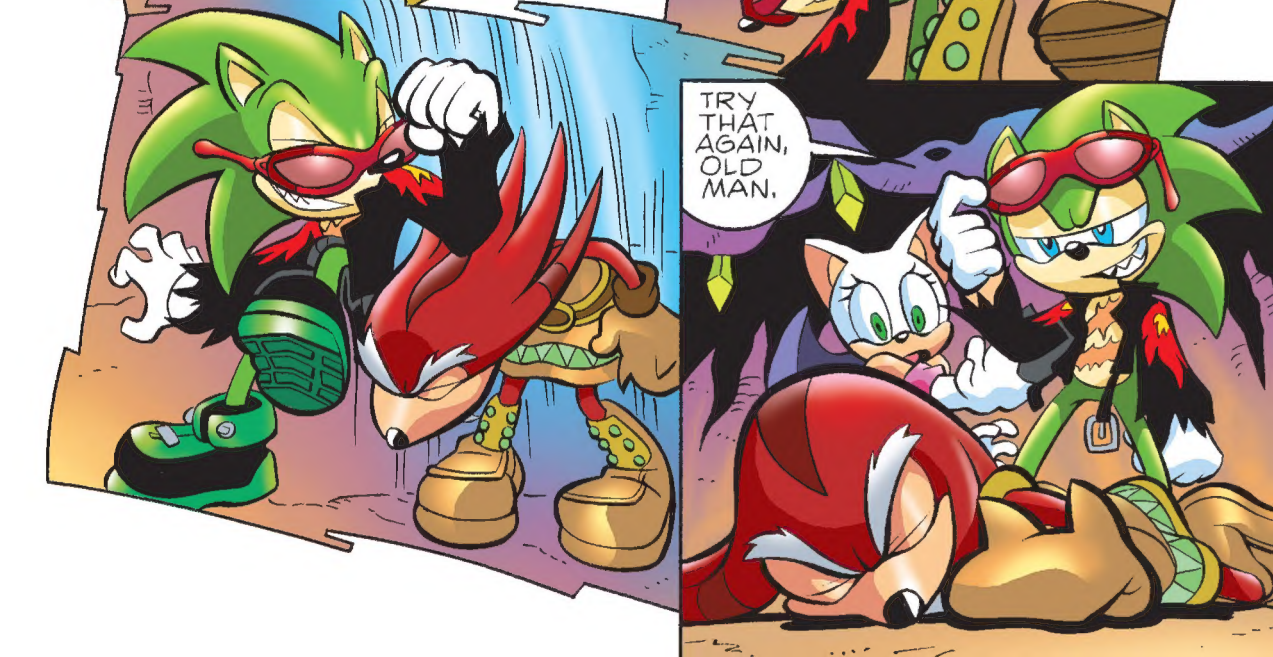
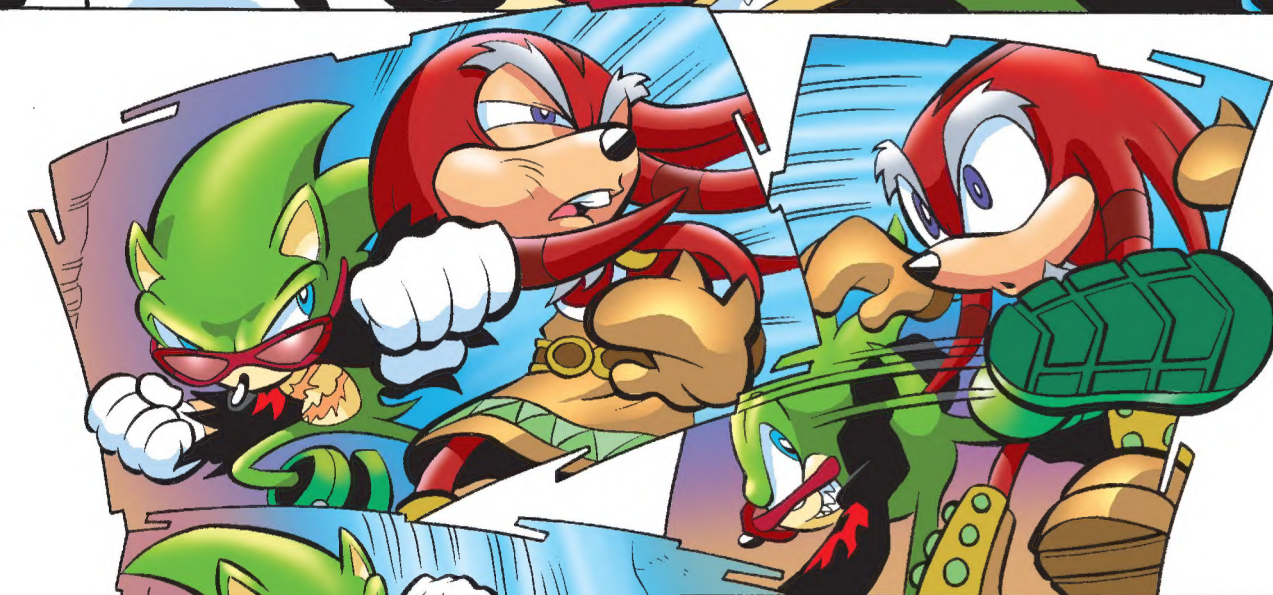


YOU WILL
FEAR ME!

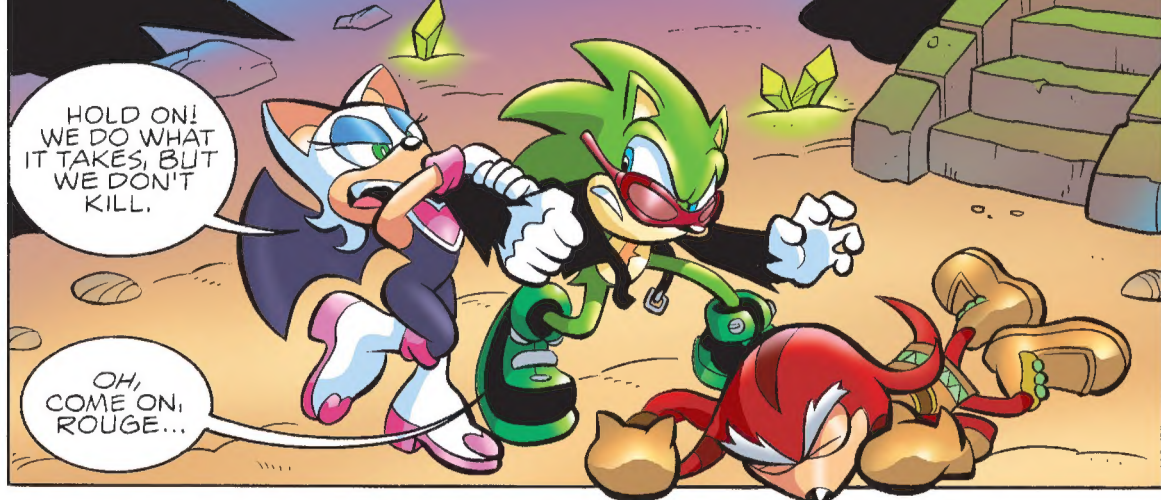
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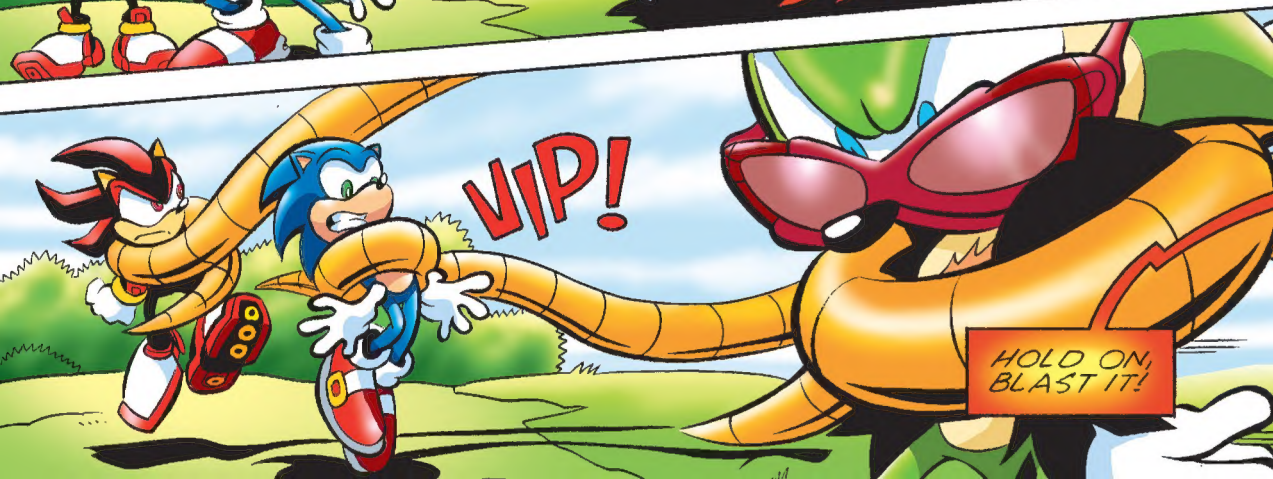
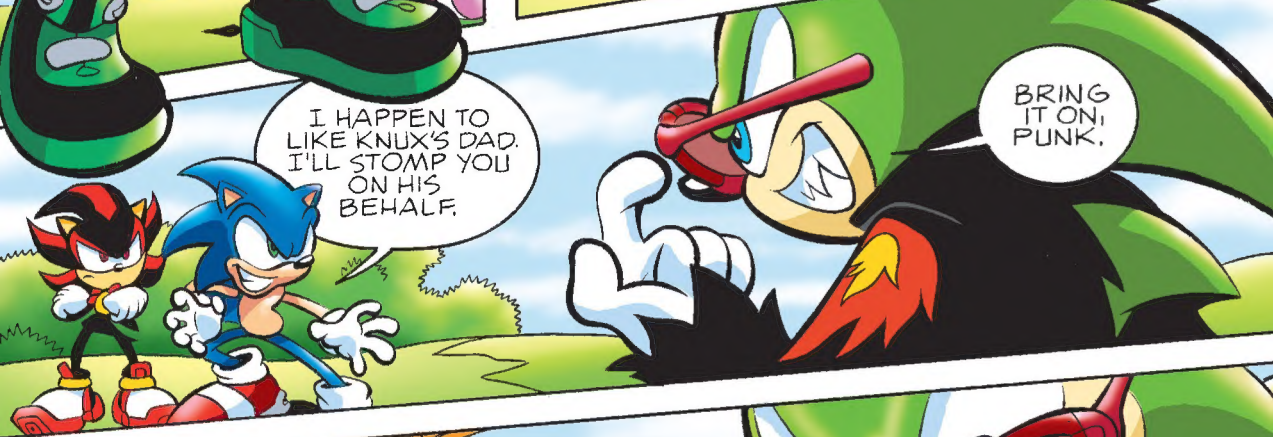
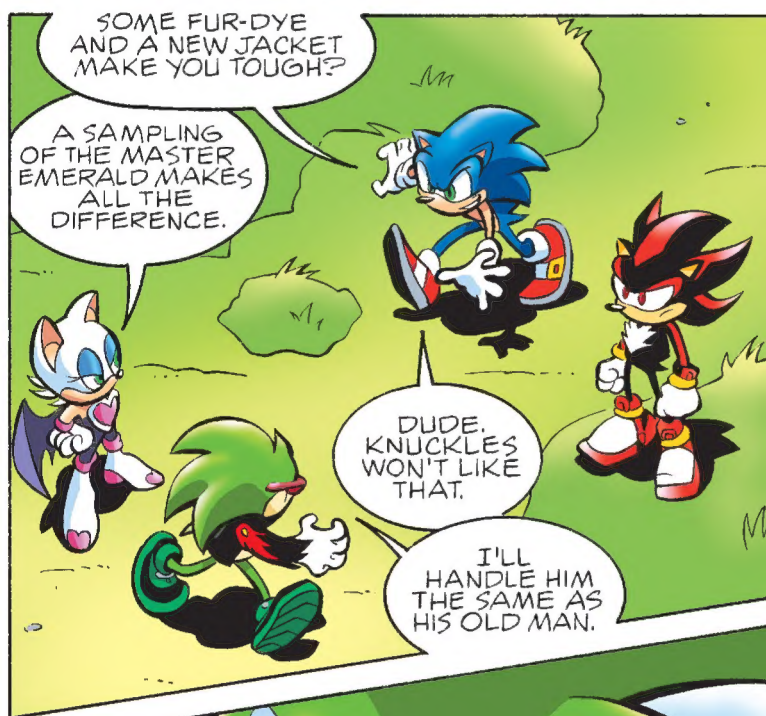
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COME ON,
SONIC,
GET A
GRIP!

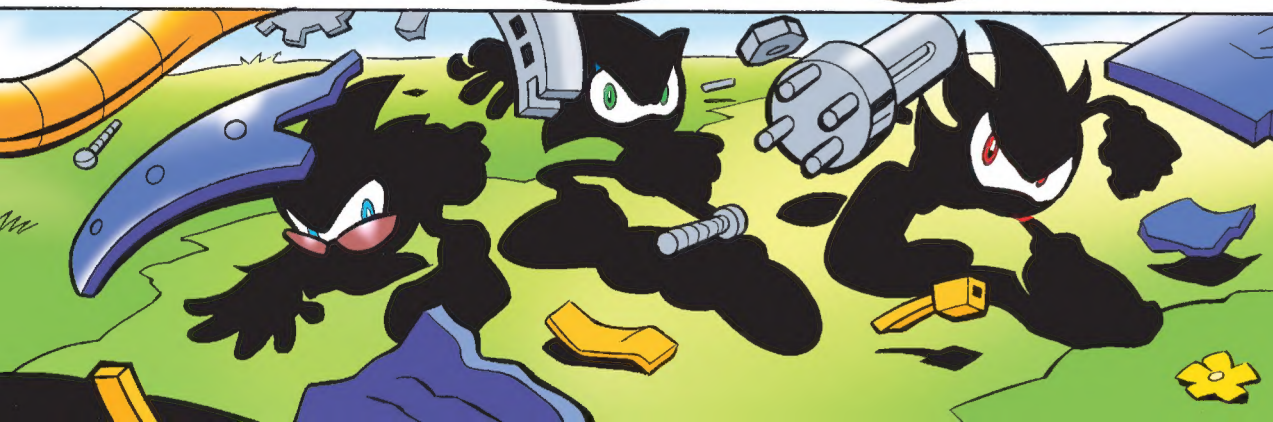
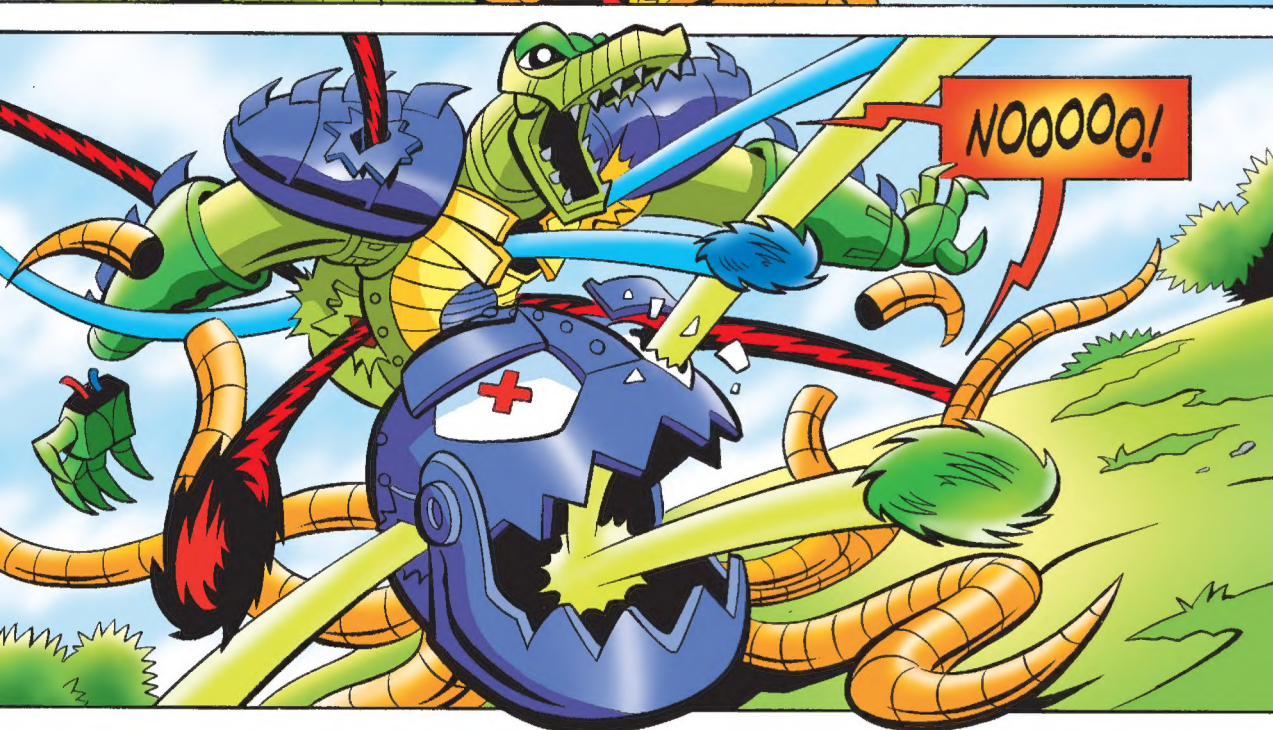
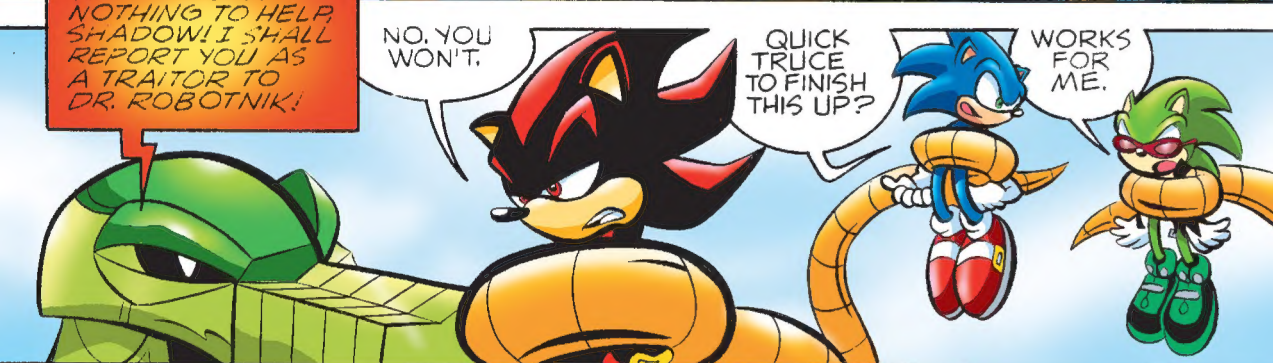
HEE
HEE HEE!
OKAY, OKAY,
CLAWS AND
TENTACLES!
HAW!!!

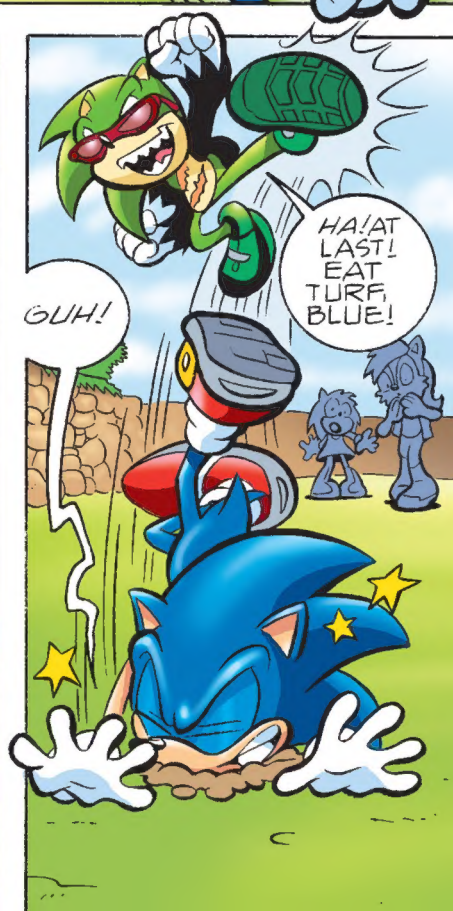
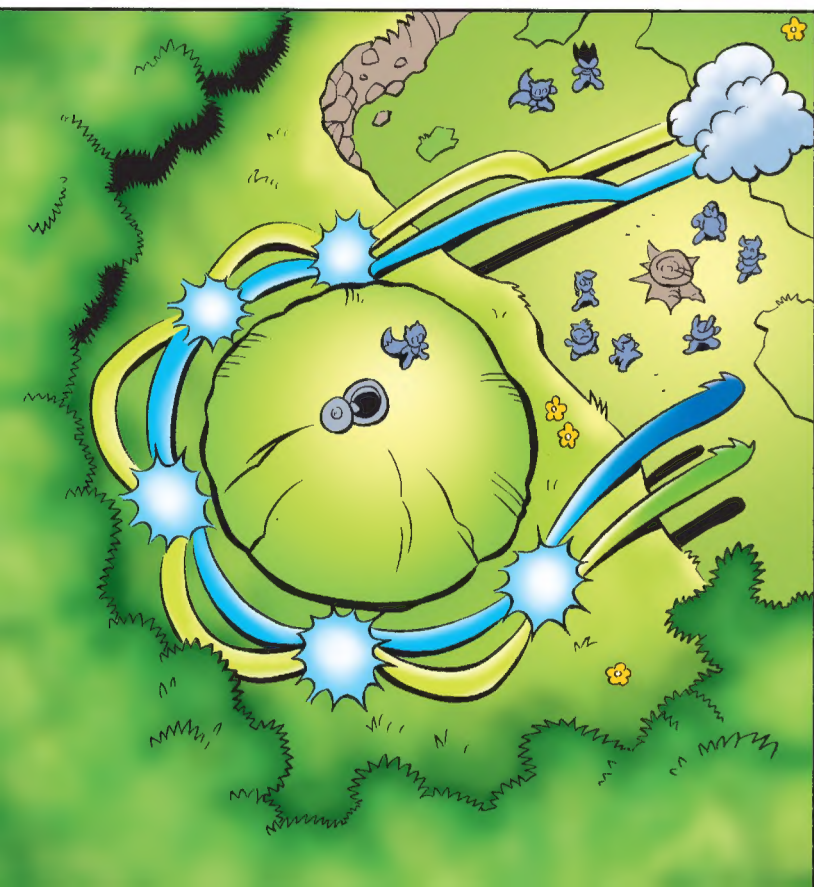
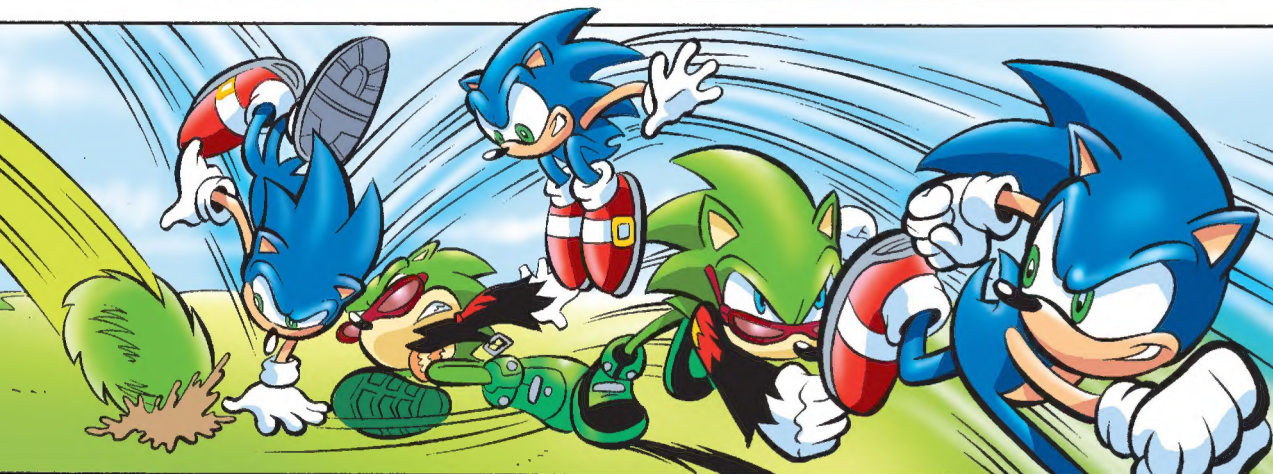
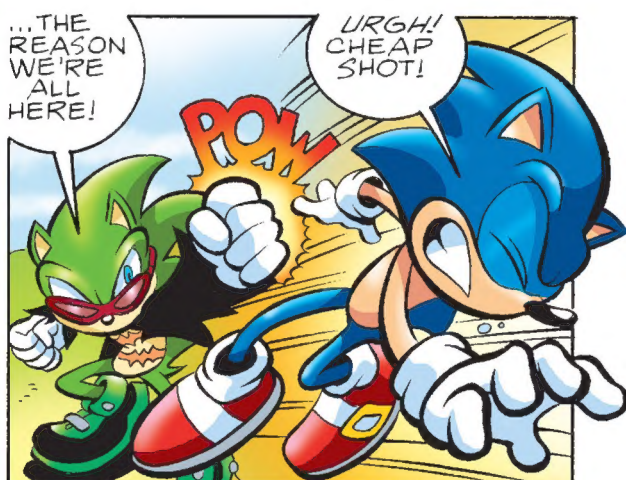
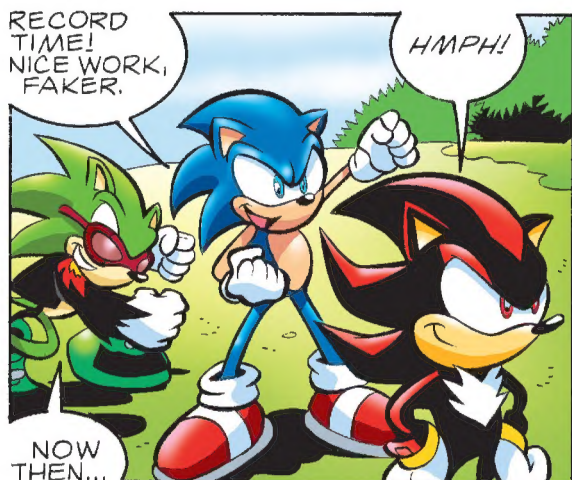


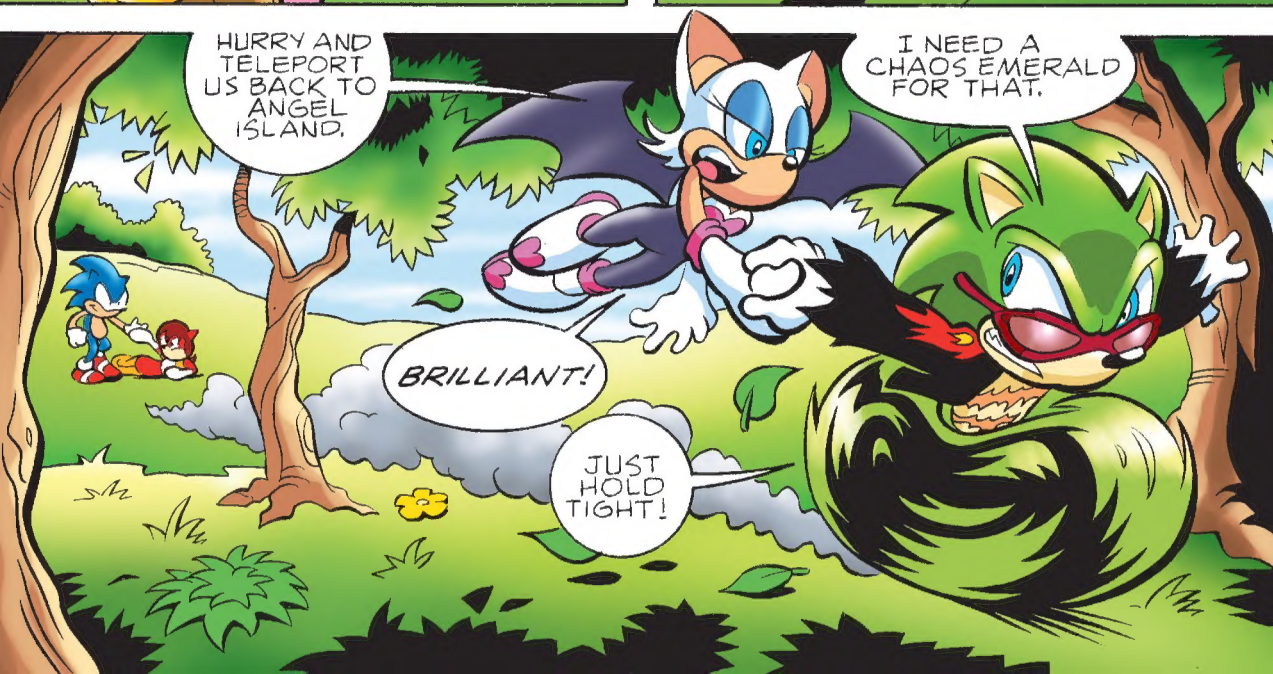


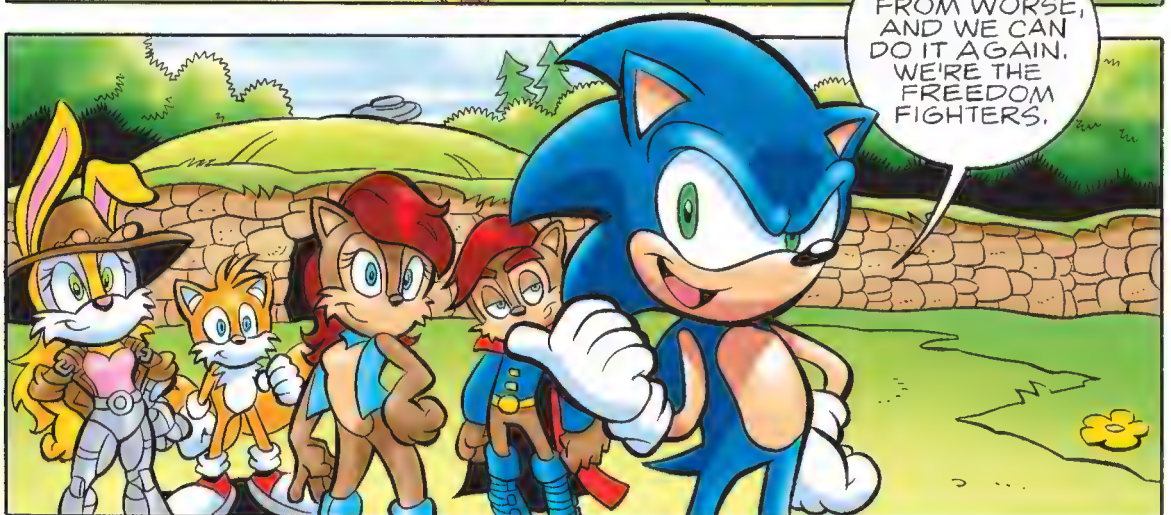
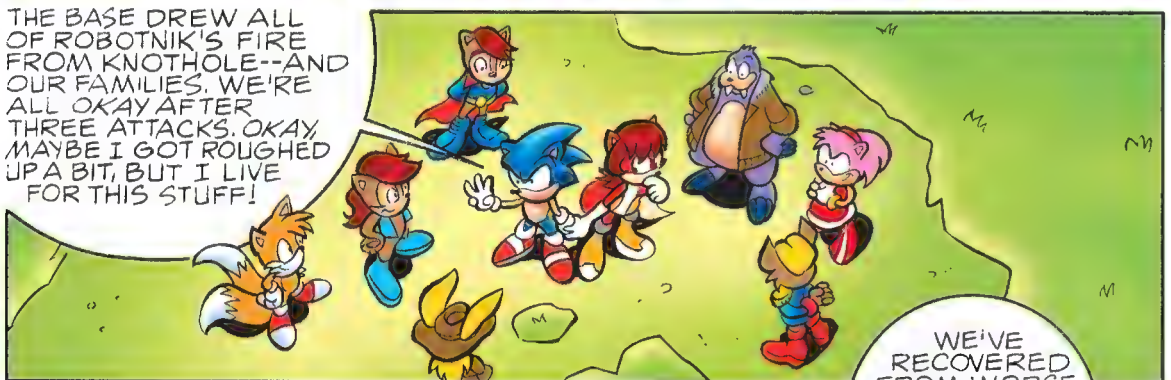


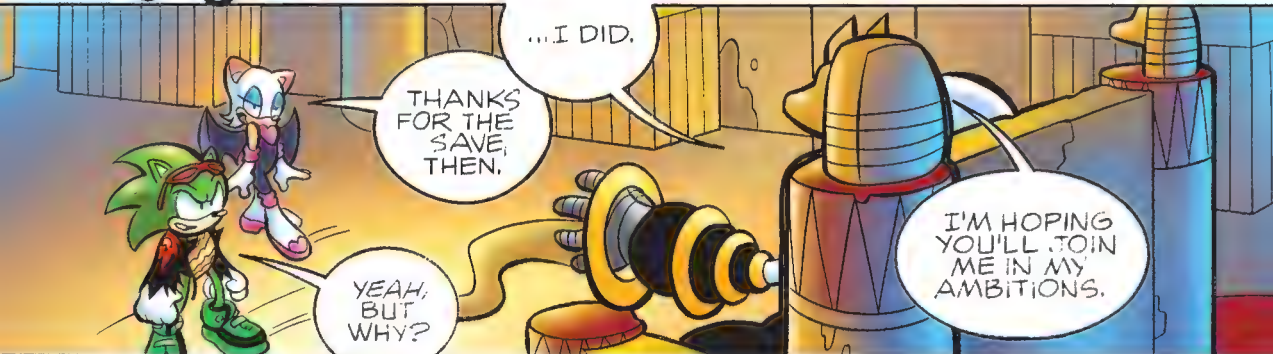












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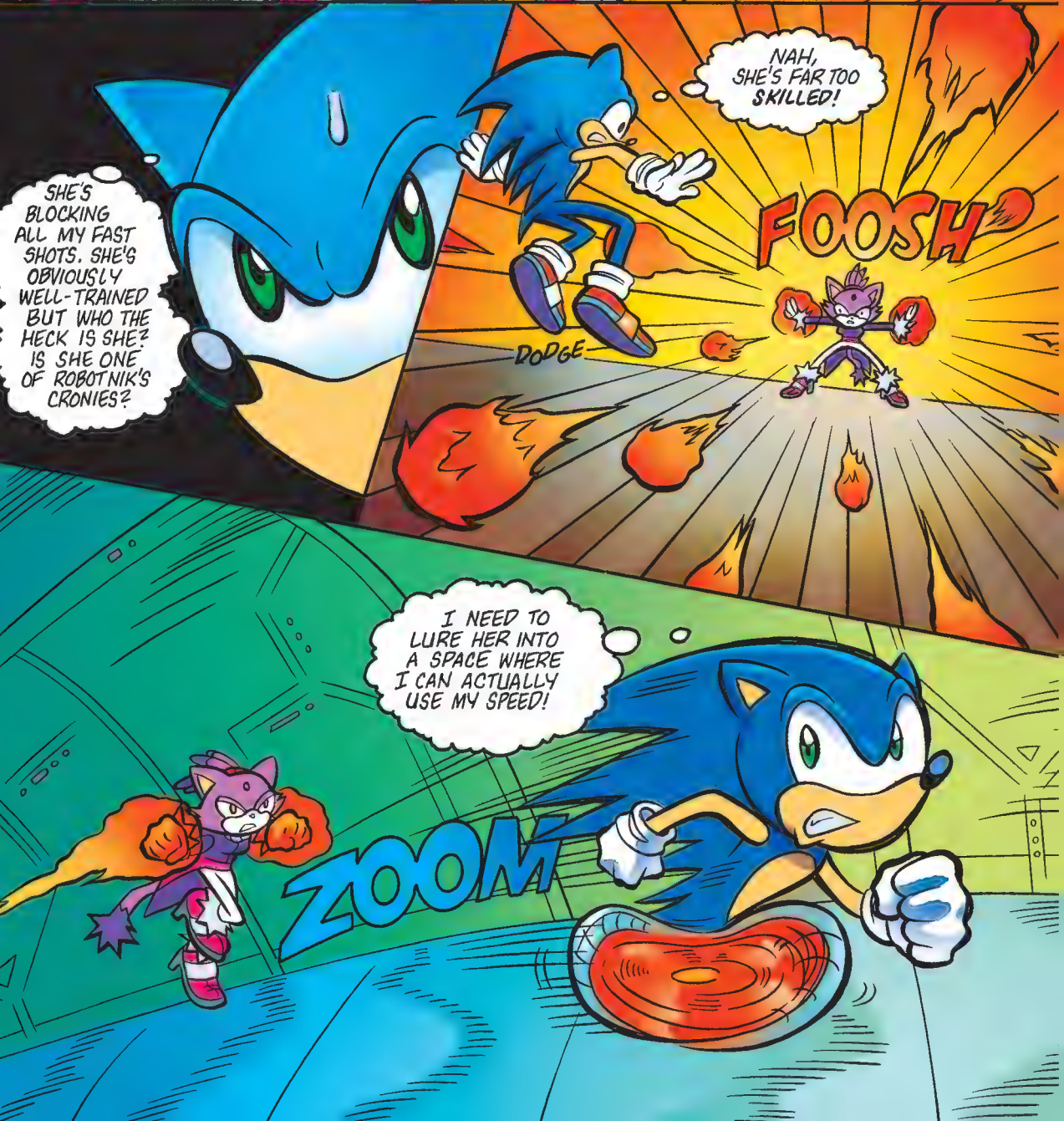
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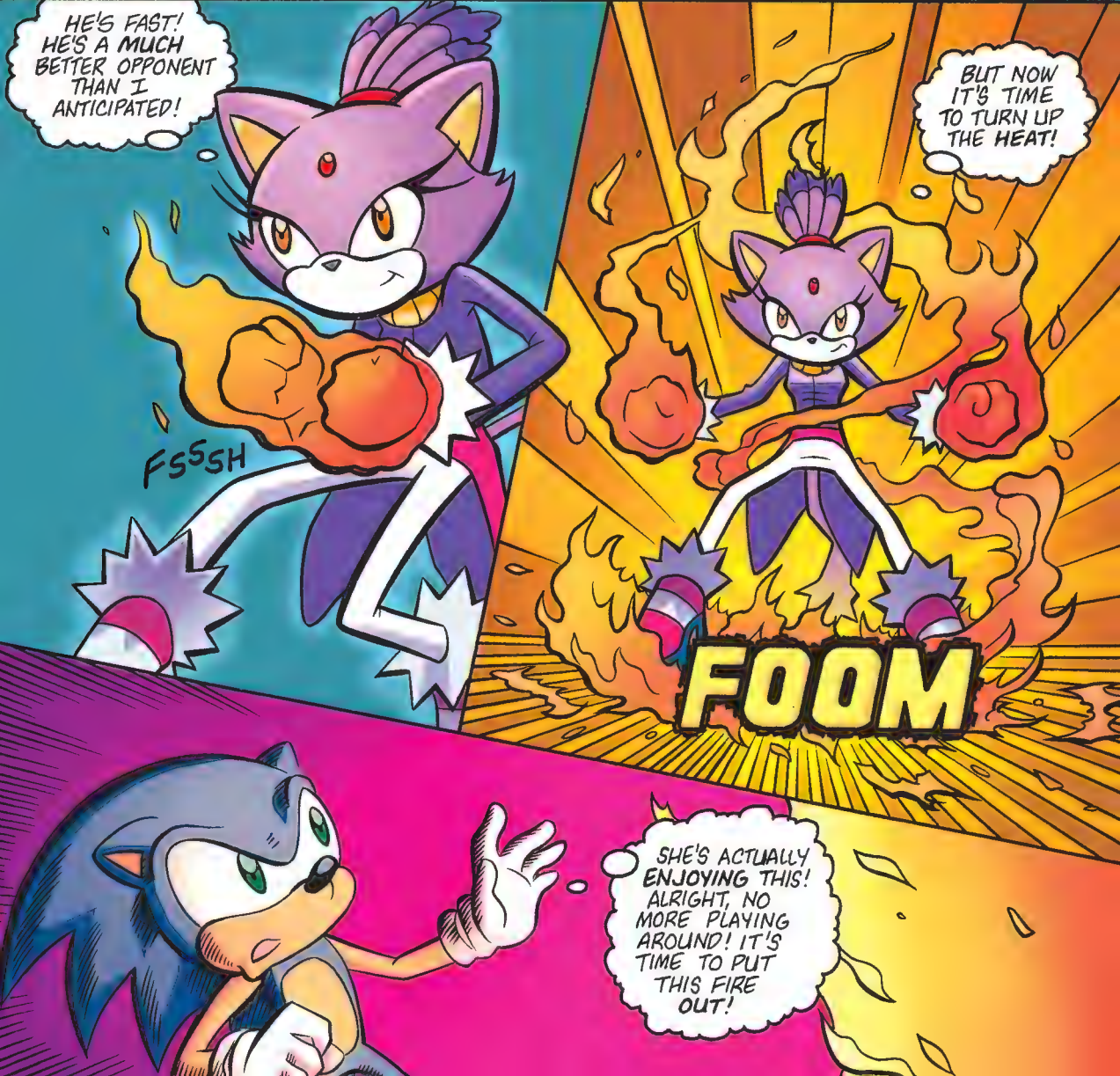
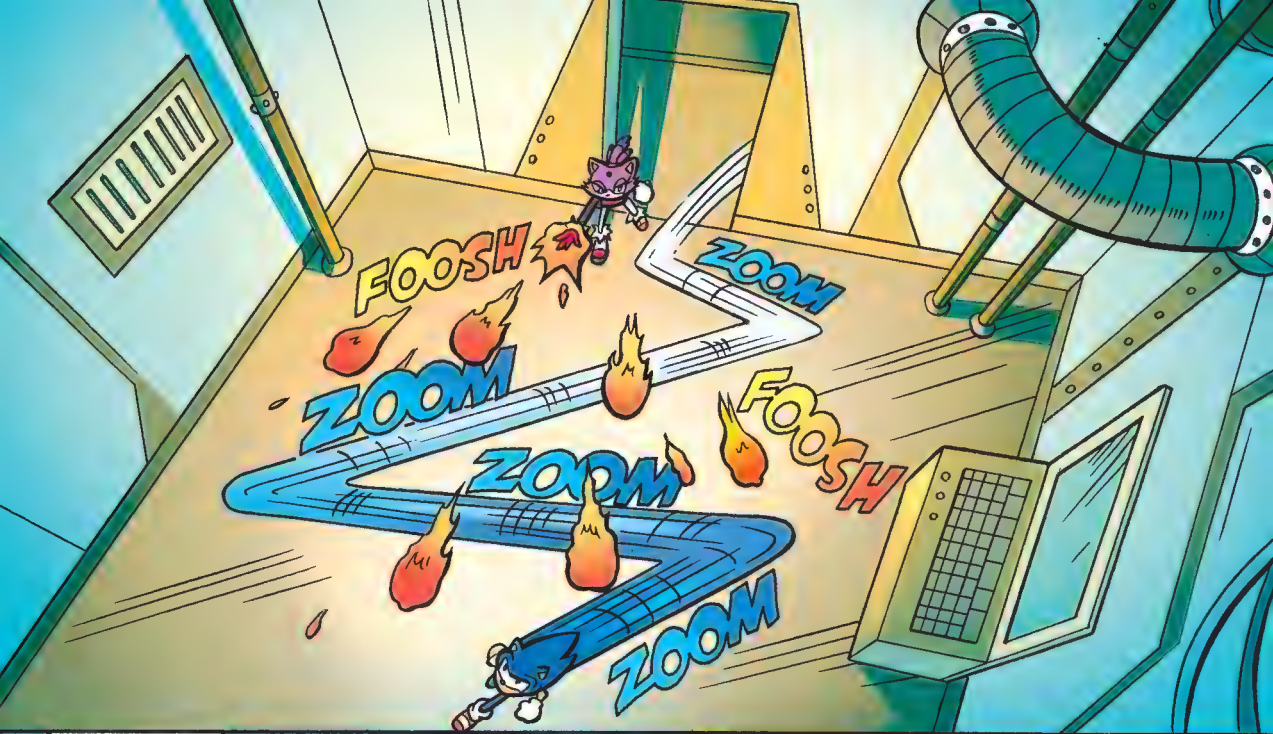
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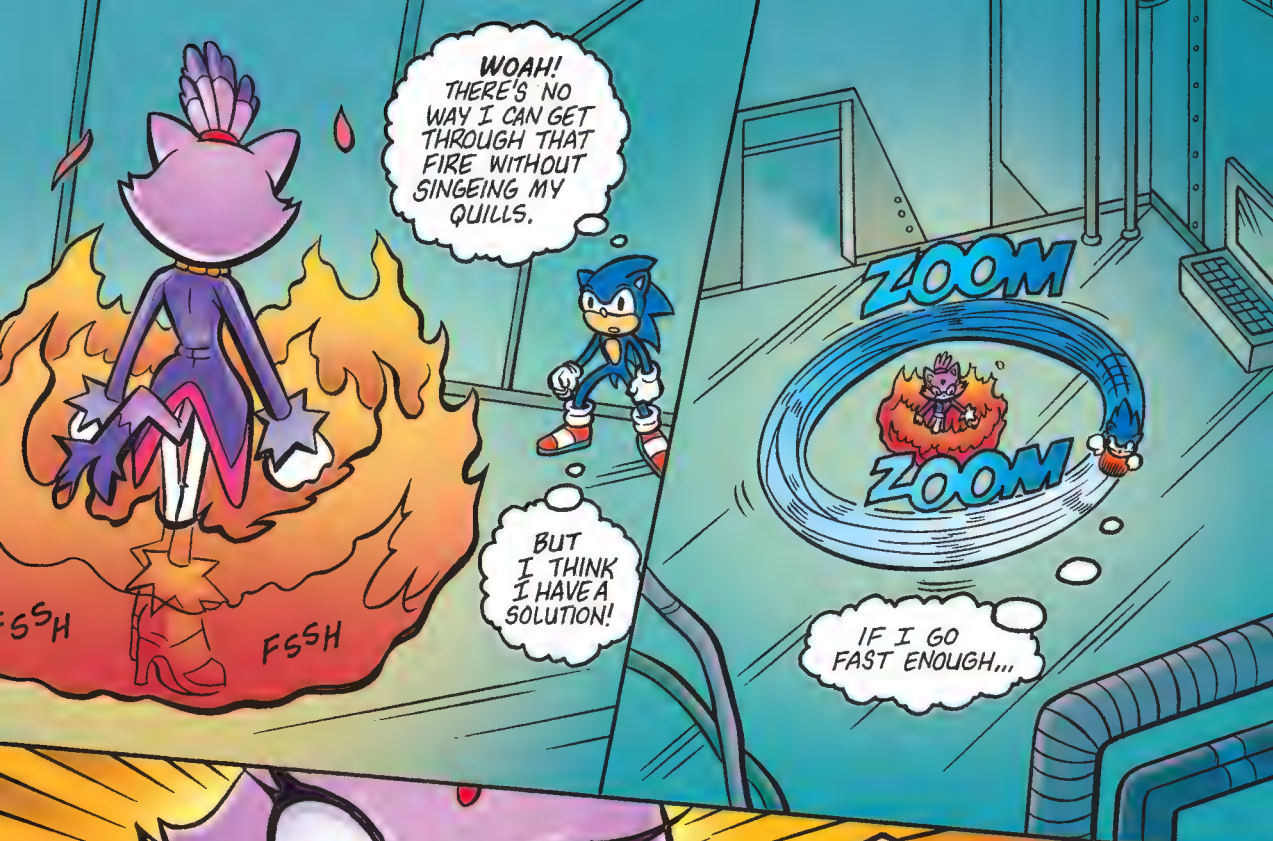




HE'S FAST!
HE'S A MUCH
BETTER OPPONENT
THAN I
ANTICIPATED!

BUT NOW
IT'S TIME
TO TURN UP
THE HEAT!

SHE'S ACTUALLY
ENJOYING THIS!
ALRIGHT, NO
MORE PLAYING
AROUND! IT'S
TIME TO PUT
THIS FIRE
OUT!



WOAH!
THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN GET
THROUGH THAT
FIRE WITHOUT
SINGEING MY
QUILLS.

BUT
I THINK
I HAVE A
SOLUTION!

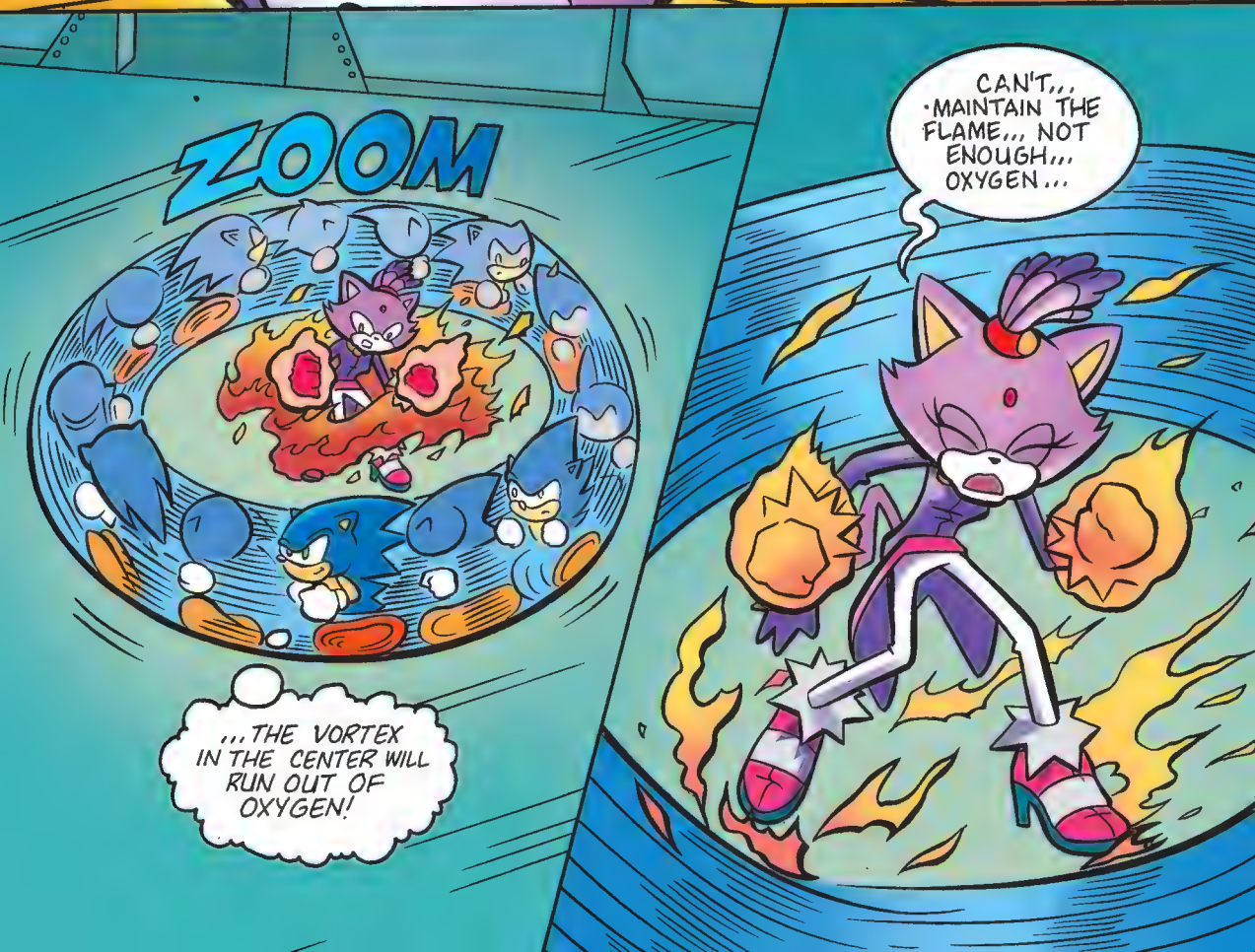
ZOOM

ZOOM

IF I GO
FAST ENOUGH...



ACK!



ZOOM

CAN'T...
MAINTAIN THE
FLAME... NOT
ENOUGH...
OXYGEN...

...THE VORTEX
IN THE CENTER WILL
RUN OUT OF
OXYGEN!

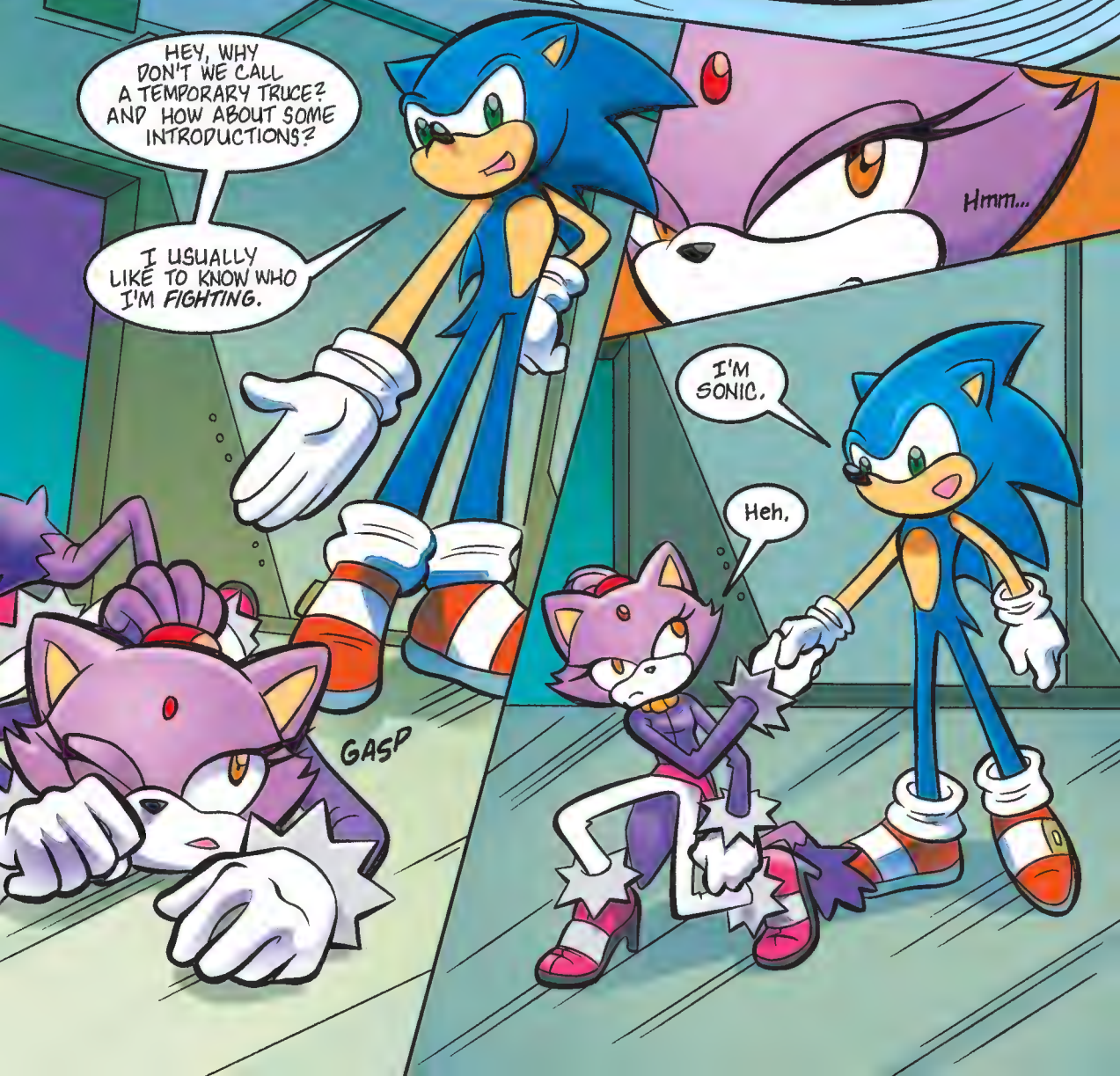


ACK...
CAN'T...
Breathe...

SCREEECH

OOPS!
BETTER STOP,

THUMP



HEY, WHY
DON'T WE CALL
A TEMPORARY TRUCE?
AND HOW ABOUT SOME
INTRODUCTIONS?

I USUALLY
LIKE TO KNOW WHO
I'M FIGHTING.

Hmm...

I'M
SONIC.

Heh,

GASP



YOU ARE
INDEED THE
ONE I HAVE
SOUGHT OUT.
NO QUESTION.

YOU'VE
BEEN LOOKING
FOR **ME?** WHO
ARE YOU
EXACTLY?

THE ONE
WHO WILL NOW
HAUNT YOUR DREAMS
THE WAY YOU HAVE
HAUNTED **MINE!**
FAREWELL,
SONIC...

...UNTIL
I HAVE NEED
OF YOU!

WHAT
THE--? SHE'S
GONE!

Huh.
NO ONE'S
GOING TO BELIEVE
THIS.

HAUNT
MY DREAMS,
Huh? I
WONDER...

FOOSH!

PHEW

Hm

THE END

SCOURGE

DATA-FILE:

Formerly Evil Sonic, the lame antithesis to Sonic tried to siphon off energy from the Master Emerald. He was interrupted by Locke, who left a scar on his chest, resembling a Roman numeral two (II). Now "Scourge," the villainous hedgehog became the true anti-Sonic: self-important, ruthless, and sadistic. Scourge originally hails from Anti-Mobius in a parallel dimension. There he was known as Evil Sonic, leader of the Anti-Freedom Fighters. He came to Sonic's dimension a number of times to cause trouble. When he tried to steal the Master Emerald, he was stopped by Locke. The process changed Scourge into the villain he is today. Scourge is as brash and arrogant as Sonic, but without the moral restraint - and with a desire for mayhem.

ABILITIES: Spin-dash: Scourge curls into a spinning ball and shoots forward at incredible speed. Highly destructive with some limited airborne ability.

Figure-Eight Peel-Out: Scourge revs his feet in an infinity-symbol, then runs extremely fast. The move can also displace water for temporary hydroplaning and can slow falls. **Basic Combat:** Scourge knows basic hand-to-hand combat from years of tangling with foes.

Homing Attack: A mid-air spin-dash that can home-in on consecutive targets.

Chaos Control: If he has a Chaos Emerald in hand, Scourge can limitedly warp space and time. **Super Scourge:** With 7 Chaos Emeralds and 50 rings, Scourge transforms into his golden super-form and gains triple-speed, double-strength and invulnerability.



DR FINITEVUS



DATA-FILE:

Very little is known of Dr. Finitevus and what is known is still suspect. Creepy and enigmatic, the albino Echidna bearing the chest birthmark of a Guardian in black, was first seen serving Grandmaster, Lien-Da of the Dark Legion as a political and a scientific advisor. During the Eggman Empire backed Dingo oppression of Angel Island, The Dark Legion helped protect the Echidnas, a job once held by the severely depleted, and now missing ranks of The Guardians, of which Knuckles belongs. Despite this elevated role Dr. Finitevus showed no fear in battle and appeared to enjoy it.

Although doing little to warrant attention, Dr. Finitevus seemed to control great power. It was thought he perished to Dr. Robotnik's enforcer, the now deceased Hunter, during an attack on Angel Island.

However, Dr. Finitevus has resurfaced and come to the rescue of a number of villains, and may be gathering a small army. With all the power he is amassing, one has to wonder if he's looking to conquer the world - or destroy it.

ABILITIES:

Some magical or science based powers.
Little else is known.

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So, now that you just read the story behind Scourge, write in and let us know what you think of "Mean Green". Funny how things happen, I was talking with Archie cover colorist extraordinaire, Tito about how to make Evil Sonic cooler. And funny enough at that moment, Spaz, Sonic artist extraordinaire called and we talked about the idea of Scourge. A great drawing later and Scourge had a new look with this new name. A quick call to the new writer on Sonic; Ian Flynn and we had a super cool story, and with new Sonic artist Tracy Yardley! bringing the character to life with the help of Jim Amash, John Workman and Jason Jensen, we have one of the best Sonic stories in years!

Funny enough, Tito helped come up with the name of the super creepy, villainous Dr. Finitevus way back in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG # 138-141, who of course has returned and will play a dark role in upcoming

issues!

Below we usually feature a look at the next Sonic cover but instead we have the next three! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #162, 163, and 164 featuring: THE DARKEST STORM, one of the biggest stories in Sonic history, penciled by the fan fav James Fry!

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(SHAMELESS PLUG #1)

MIKE

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